

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re

U.S. Application of: Kyu TAKADA, Yuichiro ORI, and  
Junji HASHIMURA  
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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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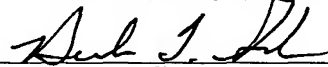
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, filed  
concurrently herewith, please amend this Application as follows: